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Exhibit A

Commodity Futures Trading Commission**§ 1.26**

or unencumbered securities from its own inventory, of the type set forth in §1.25, as it may deem necessary to ensure any and all commodity or option customers' accounts from becoming undersegregated at any time. The books and records of a futures commission merchant shall at all times accurately reflect its interest in the segregated funds. A futures commission merchant may draw upon such segregated funds to its own order, to the extent of its actual interest therein, including the withdrawal of securities held in segregated safekeeping accounts held by a bank, trust company, contract market clearing organization or other futures commission merchant. Such withdrawal shall not result in the funds of one commodity and/or option customer being used to purchase, margin or carry the trades, contracts or commodity options, or extend the credit of any other commodity customer, option customer or other person.

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§ 1.24 Segregated funds; exclusions therefrom.

Money held in a segregated account by a futures commission merchant shall not include: (a) Money invested in obligations or stocks of any clearing organization or in memberships in or obligations of any contract market; or (b) money held by any clearing organization which it may use for any purpose other than to purchase, margin, guarantee, secure, transfer, adjust, or settle the contracts, trades, or commodity options of the commodity or option customers of such futures commission merchant.

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§ 1.25 Investment of customer funds.

No futures commission merchant and no clearing organization shall invest customer funds, except in obligations of the United States, in general obligations of any State or of any political subdivision thereof, or in obligations fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States. This shall not prohibit a futures commission merchant from directly depositing unencumbered securities, of the type specified in this section, which it owns

for its own account, into a segregated safekeeping account or from transferring any such securities from a segregated account to its own account, up to the extent of its residual financial interest in customers' segregated funds; *provided, however*, that such investments, transfers of securities, and disposition of proceeds from the sale or maturity of such securities are recorded in the record of investments, required to be maintained by §1.27. All such securities may be segregated in safekeeping only with a bank, trust company, clearing organization of a contract market, or other registered futures commission merchant. Furthermore, for purposes of §§1.25, 1.26, 1.27, 1.28, and 1.29, investments permitted by §1.25 that are owned by the futures commission merchant and deposited into such a segregated account shall be considered customer funds until such investments are withdrawn from segregation.

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§ 1.26 Deposit of obligations purchased with customer funds.

(a) Each futures commission merchant who invests customer funds in obligations described in §1.25 shall separately account for such obligations and segregate such obligations as belonging to such commodity or option customers. Such obligations when deposited with a bank, trust company, clearing organization or another futures commission merchant, shall be deposited under an account name which clearly shows that they belong to commodity or option customers and are segregated as required by the Act and these regulations. Each futures commission merchant upon opening such an account shall obtain and retain in its files an acknowledgment from such bank, trust company, clearing organization or other futures commission merchant that it was informed that the obligations belong to commodity or option customers and are being held in accordance with the provisions of the Act and these regulations. Such acknowledgment shall be retained in accordance with §1.31. Such bank, trust company, clearing organization or other futures commission merchant